Laws for the District.—The city councils have pending before them a joint resolution asking Congress to provide a code of laws for the District of Columbia. The present laws, with very few exceptions, were extended over our territory by the act of Congress, February, 1801, they being derived from Maryland. Many of them are only one hundred and fifty years old! and are altogether unsuited to these enlightened times. We want a remedy for the glaring evils of the present system, which is a disgrace to freemen.

The councils propose that Congress shall provide three or more commissioners to revise the laws and prepare a code for our future government. This was done years ago, but, owing to some inexplicable cause, the reform did not come We should prefer a convention of the citizens

of the District. They might take the code of Judge Chambers for their foundation, and, if they thought proper, make amendments, and then submit the code to the voters for their approval. It it should be adopted, it could be sent to Congress with a memorial asking for its enactment. It is not likely that "three or more commissioners' would adopt a better code than a convention of delegates-say as many as there are members of the councils of Washington and Georgetownespecially having the subject in charge, and "fresh from the people!

A Sad Case .- On Friday night, a countryman brought to the watch-house a young white orphan girl, whom he found at a late hour wandering in the streets, she having been turned away from the house in which she was a servant, for some real or imaginary fault ; but not until she had been beaten unmercifully by her female employer. Her back and head bore evidence of the cruel treatment which she had received. It was stated be fore Captain Birch that she had been seen as late as midnight washing the windows of the dwelling of her tormentor; such was the long-continued labor to which she was subjected. The offence of her 'mistress"is aggravated by the fact that the poor victim is of unsound mind, and without friends in this city, having been brought hither from a poor house of a neighboring State. His honor the Mayor, on hearing the particulars of the case, caused her to be conveyed to the Washington asylum, where, under the care of the humane matron of the institution, she will not fail to realize, in comparison with the habitation from which she was ejected the blessings of a good but humble home.

.The President's House. The interior improvements of this edifice were fully completed several days since; and they are such as to reflect the highest credit on all to whose skill the workmanship was entrusted.

The east room is now in decent trim. Although the paper on the walls is heavily gilt, and the frescoed ceiling, and the cornices, mouldings, and pilasters, are plentifully coated with gold-leaf, yet there is nothing like tawdriness; for the colors of the various pieces of furniture, including the carpet and curtains, all agreeably harmonize. The reception rooms, and others on the premises, like a lady leaving her toilette, have been considerably improved in appearance, as visiters will not fail to perceive, and rendered attractive.

On Thursday, a number of the foreign ministers and attaches, together with ladies of their respective households, paid the President and Mrs Pierce a friendly visit, and no doubt enjoyed themselves during the hour they remained in the "blue

The Variete.-We have never seen a more enthusiastic and delighted audience than that of the "Variete" last night. Mr. Goodall really excelled himself, and Mrs. Gladstane and Mr. Gallagher were most happy and artistic in their representations. Mr. Altemus is remarkably clever in his "old" characters. Miss Dawes' performance called down thunders of applause; and her dance of the Pas de Corsair was really beautiful.

All the actors and actresses, as we have before stated, are well qualified for their respective roles, and, as a whole, we consider Mr. Risley's stock company the best that has crossed the boards of a Washington theatre for many years. The " parlor theatre" is the great attraction at present.

On Monday night will be performed the intens ly thrilling drama of the drunkard, in which Mr. Goodall and Mrs. Gladstane will personate the principal characters.

Music .- As there are so many piano-forte players now-a-days, there is a constant demand for new music, although, in our domestic opinion, some of the old is much superior to many of the recent publications. However, there is now a prospect of being furnished with a series of selections from the mst popular composers, such as Jullien, Musard, Strauss, Lanner, Labitzky, D'Albert, and others. The "Musical Repository," a new seriel, is to be issued weekly, consisting of eight beaurifully printed pages, full music size, for the re markably low price of six cents a number. Mr. Hugh Cameron, in the Columbia place, corner of Louisiana avenue and Seventh street, is the wor thy and enterprising agent for this and other my sical works, and for all the popular periodicals fo the day.

The Italian Opera, of which Miss De Vries is the Prima Donna, will give their first operatic performance at the Variete on Tuesday evening next. They have, during the past summer, made a west ern tour, and wherever they have appeared have elicited the warmest encomiums. Their engagement is for three nights only.

Crosby's Concerts .- We would call the special attention of our readers to the notice of Mr. L. V H. Crosby's concert at the industrial fair, in the new Baptist church, on Thirteenth street, to-mor-Baptist church, on 13th street, is now well com- row night. Mr. Crosby brings to this city a justly menced. Many of the manufactured articles and merited fame as a distinguished ballad singer and

The Sabbath schools are to be admitted to-mo row afternoon at two o'clock, at greatly reduced elegant piano fortes, from several of the most cele- rates. The orphans will be admitted on Tuesday afternoon gratis. Concerts appropriate will be little to the magnificence of the exhibition. The given on both occasions to the children. An original orphan hymn will be sung by Mr. Crosby assisted by a select choir, on Tuesday afternoon Sabbath school scholars will be admitted from 2 to 5 P. M. on Monday, December 12, at five cents

> An Escape.-The criminal court was, Friday, about to try Michael Sullivan for an assault with intent to kill Thomas Creaser, when i was discovered that the accused had forfeited his bail, and escaped from the city. The occurrence for which he was indicted took place in March last, between eight and nine o'clock, on F street near the Patent Office. Mr. Creaser was at the time closing his shoe store, (putting up the shut ters,) when Sullivan stealthily approached and struck him a violent blow with a slung-shot.

> The Centre Market, yesterday, was bount fully supplied with poultry of all descriptions, and everything else essential to gastronomic comfort but the prices, as usual, were exhorbitantly high This, however, would be no cause of complain could the appetite be controlled to suit the prices. But, as this cannot be done, housekeepers have reluctantly to submit; such is the force of physi-

National Monument.-The following amount vere contributed on Thanksgiving Day, in the churches named, towards the erection of the Washington National Monument, namely: St. John's, \$80 57; St. Patrick's, \$20; St. Matthews, \$17; Four-and-a-half Street, Presbyterian, \$31 70; St. Mary's, \$9 94; E Street Baptist, \$4 47; Methodist Episcopal, South, \$6 60; Methodist Protestant, ninth street, \$6 26; First Colored Presbyterian, Fifteenth street, \$2 624. Total, \$179 164.

The Standing Committees of the House wil be announced on Tuesday morning. Much anxiety is every where expressed to know how they will be constituted. It is no easy matter for the presiding officer to discharge this part of his duty, especially at the commencement of a new Congress, when the majority of the body are person ally unknown to him, and when he has had bu little opportunity for inquiring into their respec tive qualifications for the stations to which they may severally be assigned.

Congress not being in session yesterday, we oticed a number of members at the departments on business. The adjournment from Thursday to Monday, afforded an opportunity to others to ar range for winter quarters, or to indulge in such ansactions as best suited their inclinations.

Value of Notices .- Mr. C. S. Whittlesey in formed us to-day, that since a notice of his German reading lamp appeared in our paper last week, he has sold thirty of those articles from his store on 7th street, near E.

The Rev. Henry Slicer, the chaplain to the Senate, will preach in the hall of Representatives this morning, at 11 o'clock.

Passed Midshipman Renshaw has been or ered to the surveying steamer Corwin, as Acting

The Editorial Convention will meet on the 10th January next, at Cincinnati.

MARRIED. On Thursday evening, the 8th instant, by Rev. A. CAROTHERS, Mr. ROBERT THOMPSON to Miss MARY KEMP, all of this city.

On the 8th instant, by the Rev. Mr. MATTHEWS, THOS M. TRIPLETT to Miss ELENOR F. HOWARD, all of thi DIED.

On Friday morning, the 9th instant, of chronic croup, GEORGE MARION, youngest son of TROMAS and MARI ANN RABERT, aged two years and two months. [Baltimore and Richmond papers please copy.] ** Methodist Episcopal Church South. Eighth street, between H and I.—The Rev. James A. Dun can (pastor) will preach in this church to-morrow (Sabbath at 11 o'clock A. M. and 7 o'clock P. M.

45 The Rev. Henry Slicer, Chaplain of the Senate of the United States, will preach in the Hall of Representatives to-morrow (Sabbath) morning at eleven Sciock.

Church.—The Presbyterian church on Seventh street (Island) will be opened for public worship on Sabbath next. The Rev. Stewart Robinson, of Baltimore, will preach the dedicatory sermon at 11 o'clock A. M. The Rev. Dr. Gurley, of Dayton, Ohio, will preach at 3½ o'clock P. M., and the Rev. Mr. Robinson at 7½ o'clock P. M., and the Rev. Mr. Robinson at 7½ o'clock P. M. The public are cordially inyited.

"68 The Musical Repository, Nos. 2 and 3, ust received and for sale at Cameron's Agency, Columbia Place, No. 3, corner of 7th street and Louisiana avenue. Price 64 cents per number.

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93. Grace Church Fair—The ladies of Grace Church, Island, the Rev. Alfred Holmead, Rector, will open a Fair for the sale of useful and fancy articles, on Monday next, Dec. 12, in the large and splendid building recently erected on the corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Eleventh st. The Fair will be continued during the week. Each night a handsome and bountiful, supper will be provided.

This benevolent and christian enterprize will commend itself to our clizens, generally, when it is stated that the proceeds of the Fair are to be appropriated towards the payment of the debt due on Grace Church.

Donations are respectfully solicited, and may be sent during this week to the house of the Rector, on B st. between 9th and 10th sts. south, and to the fair-room after Monday next.

49 Metropolitan Mechanics' Institute.-The School of Design of the Metropolitan Mechanics' In-stitute will be opened about the 12th or 15th instant, in the third story of Parker's Building, on Pennsylvania ave-

nue, between 6th and 7th streets.

The school being limited to one hundred and twenty scholars, those desirous of becoming attached thereto will please hand in their names to any of the officers of the Institution. New members, over twenty-one years of age, will have to pay three dollars; those under twenty-one, and not less than fourteen years, pay two dollars. Present senior members will pay two dollars, and junior members one dollar. Upon paying as above, which must be done before entering the school, they will receive a ticket of membership in the Institute, entitling them to all the privileges of the School of Design, Lectures, and Exhibition, if any shall be held.

By order of Board of Management.

P. M. PEARSON, Rec. Sec'y.

Elegant Harness.-There is now on exhibit ion at the saddlery store of Mr. Lutz, on Pennsylvania avenue, near the National Hotel, a set of ouble coach and single buggy harness, gold and silver mounted and quill stitched, manufactured by A. Hatch, Augusta, Georgia, expressly for exibition at the Crystal Palace; but having exceeded the time of its delivery there, through the elaborate style of its workmanship, and there being no room vacant for its reception, it will be sold at cost. Any gentleman desirous of having harness without a rival, has now an opportunity to

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General Intelligence.

The Clairvoyant Case-Sudden Death of Mr.

Stuyvesant.

It will be recollected that a few days ago Dr. John K. Seymour was arrested on the complaint of Mr. John R. Stuyvesant, charging the doctor with fraudulently obtaining from him a deed of a house and lot, situated in Sixteenth street, valued at upwards of \$\$,000, through the aid of Mrs. Seymour, the clairvoyant. The melancholy termination of Mr. Stuyvesant's life has thrown a gloom and mystery over the whole matter, which is now possibly to be made a judicial investigation by the coroner. Mr. Stuyvesant was a member of the wealthy family of the name, and possessing a large fortune. Stuvvesant. family of the name, and possessing a large fortune. He was about forty years of age, and has left a wife and two children residing at Poughkeepsie, where he had lised for some time past.

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The defendant's counsel required a hearing in the case, and the right, of course, to cross examine Mr. Stuyvesant. Wednesday was the day designated for the examination to come off. The complainant attended, but the defendant's counsel obtained a postponement until Thursday morning (yesterday) at 10 o'clock. At the appointed hour, counsel on both sides were in attendance, and upwards of an hour was consumed in waiting for counsel on both sides were in attendance, and up-wards of an hour was consumed in waiting for the appearance of Mr. Stuyvesant; ultimately a messenger arrived, and informed the court that Mr. Stuyvesant was dead; that he expired that morning at six o'clock, caused by Asiatic cholera. The surprise exhibited by Mr. Stuyvesant's coun-sel, at the melancholy information, can be much easier imagined than described. At first they could not believe the story, and thought the whole matter a joke, until creditably informed of the death by a relative of the deceased. elative of the deceased.

A rumor was in circulation yesterday afternoon

that the death was the result of suicide; but how far it can be sustained will depend upon the medi-cal evidence, should the coroner make a legal vestigation and order a post mortem Coroner O'Donnell having been informed of the mysterious circumstances attending the whole affair, has prohibited the city inspector granting certificate of burial on physician's certificate, until he has fully investigated the suspicion which a

resent hangs about it.
The following is the substance of the affidavi made by the complainant, on which Seymour wa

irrested: The complainant asserts that in the early part o the present year he was afflicted with severe pair in his breast, and was induced to visit the house of Mrs. Seymour, then located in Division street of Mrs. Seymour, then located in Division street, for the purpose of consulting her on his peculiar disease, her sign on the house indicating that she was a professed clairvoyant, and able to prescribe efficient remedies for the cure of diseases. Accordingly, he frequently visited Mrs. Seymour, paid her a dollar for each consultation, and for the medicine prescribed he paid her husband (Mr. Seymour) from one to three dollars per bottle; that during these visits, Mrs. Seymour, by her responses and acts, while in a clairvoyant state, invited liberties to be taken with her person by him, gradually and artfully leading him on, thereby placing him in a position which he now believes was done to carry out the design for the purpose of extorting money and property from him; that of extorting money and property from him; that on the night of the 19th of May last past, complainant was at the house of Mrs. Seymour, when she informed him that her husband had gone to Boston; she then gave complainant a night latch-key of the front door, and invited him to visit her the next night, informing him that she would have the servants out of the way; that on the following night, according to appointment, he visited the nouse, and let himself in with the key, when she repeated to him about her husband's absence in Boston, and by her seductive advances and artifices he was induced to visit her sleeping apartment, and while both were partially un dressed, she suddenly slammed the door three times, which the witness now believes was a signal, from the fact that her husband imme liately rushed into the room, having in his hand a lrawn sword-cake, and inflicted a blow on com-lainant's head; he also made account omplainant with the cane, accusing him of the duction of his wife, and threatened to take his life unless he paid him a sum of money or its equiva-lent; at the same time took possession of com-plainant's clothing, and refused to allow him to plainant's clothing, and refused to allow him to dress until he (the injured husband) had received redress for the injury done him by the attempted seduction of his wife. The peculiar position of the complainant rendered him almost powerless, and so much alarmed that he consented to transfer to Mr. Seymour a deed of a house and lot which he owned in Sixteenth street, which deed was subsequently conveyed to him for the purpose of compromising the whole matter. The complainant further adds in his affidavit, that Mrs. Seymour possesses no such powers of clairvoy-Seymour possesses no such powers of clairvoy-ance as she professed to have, but that the busi-ness carried on by her and her husband is nothing but a gross imposition. That in this instance the witness alleges they have conspired together to ceeded in obtaining from him a deed of a ho worth nearly ten thousand dollars. The card with which the complainant was furnished read as fol-lows, viz: "John K. Seymour, magnetic physician. Clairvoyant examinations by Mrs. Seymour No. 491 Houston street, (between Bowery and Broadway. Consultations daily, upon sickness, business, and absent friends, from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M."

On the above sworn facts, the magistrate, Jus-ice Osborne, issued his warrant of arrest, and on Saturday evening the accused was conveyed be fore the court, and was detained by the magistrate to await a further examination. Mr. Seymou tended that no felony exists in the matter; that he had a perfect right to compromise any attempt ed assault on the chastity of his wife.

By the above complaint some very curious fact develope themselves, showing the modus operandi on which the property was obtained, and the de-ceased made the victim of curiosity. Mr. Stuyveant died at the house of a relation in Second as

enue, near Ninth street.

Counsel for the defendant yesterday procured a writ of habeat corpus and removed the case before Judge Mitchell, who, on hearing the facts, remanded the matter back to the police magistrate, when Justice Osborne, on the production of the evidence showing the death of Mr. Stuyyesant, dismissed the charge, and Dr. Seymour was again set at liberty.

Extension of the Central Railroad .- On Mor day last the central railroad was extended from Meechum's river to the Greenwood Tunnel, a dis tance of eight miles, the whole of which is upon the State section of the road. The editor of the Char lottesville Jeffersonian, who was a passenger, or rather, with several others, a guest of the road or the occasion, states that the track was in fine or der. After reaching the Greenwood Tunnel, he and other gentlemen explored the unfinished track for a mile and a half beyond, to the second tunnel. There is a great deal of heavy cutting, he says, in this distance. In one place 50,000 cubic yards of rock have been taken out, and yet the work is incomplete. There are other deep cuts through the hills and rocks, some 100 feet deep, and fearfu looking. This prevalence of slate occasions a tendency to slides, and several heavy ones have

aken place.

The second tunnel is 800 feet long, and 19 feet high. Six hundred and fifty feet are completed. The remaining 150 feet, it is believed, is of the hardest kind of rock. The temporary track across the mountain leaves the main track at the eastern end of this tunnel. Between this tunnel and th Blue Ridge tunnel there is some very heavy work, including a third tunnel, at Robinson's Hollow, of including a third tunnel, at Robinson's Hollow, of 100 feet in length. The Jeffersonian says: "When completed, the whole route from Meechum's river to Waynesborough will be one of the greatest achievements of the age, and the glory of Virginia. Col. Crozet informs us that all the tunnels will be faished, and the great resulted. finished, and the road travelled over in two years, and the expense to the State of constructing it will be \$1,200,000."

Crozet says he will be ready with his connections with the temporary track as soon as that is completed; but he (the editor) thinks that will not be earlier than April next, in which opinion we see the Staunton Messenger concurs. [Richmond Dispatch.

Cultivation of Tobacco in Algeria. Paris Moniteur contains a long report to the Min-ister of War from M. Duranton, chief of the Serister of War from M. Duranton, chief of the Service des Cabacs in Algeria, on the cultivation of tobacco in that colony. It says that nothing can be more successful than that cultivation, and that it will be a source of permanent prosperity to the colony. It declares that the tobacco of Egypt, Macedonia, and Greece is much inferior; that the tobacco of Hungary is not so agreeable to the taste; that that of Kentucky is not finer, and does not burn so well; and that that of Maryland is more bitter.

Death of Archibald G. Ridgley.—Mr. Arch. G. Ridgley, who for many years has occupied a prominent position in the police annals of Baltimore, died at his residence, in Centre street, Friday morning. He was associated with the famous Hays, who in years gone by, was the terror of evildoers. Mr. R. had many warm personal friends who will regret his demise.

Decision Interesting to Lumbermen.-Chief Justice Taney has rendered a decision in the cir-cuit court of the United States, which is very interesting to lumbermen. Some lumber drifted down the Susquehannah river and was saved by Mr. Davis, who boarded it at some personal risk and brought it to shore. He then claimed to have

a lien on it for salvage, which the owners refused to admit, and filed their libel in the district court to recover possession. The district court, (Judge Glenn) deciding that Mr. Davis was entitled to which reversed the decision of the court below.

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Judge Taney holds that the lumber wrecked in the Susquehannah river while coming down to Port Deposit, or carried away by freshets from Port Deposit, after having been anchored or otherwise deposited there, is not the subject of salvage. That compensation for any assistance rendered to the owners by taking care of such lumber, must be sued for in the State or common law courts, and that for such compensation there is no lien. That the admiralty court has no jurisdiction over the said lumber when retained for any purpose, and that a writ of replevin, or other common law action is the appropriate remedy. That the owners have the right to subject property which would ordinarily be liable to salvage, to risks nenecessarily contemplated by them when they put it in a certain position and involved in that position; and any interference with it while subject to the dangers thus risked by the owners, is at the peril of the persons so intermeddling. This decision interests a large number of the citizens of this State engaged in the lumber business.

Expensive Doctoring .- John R. Stuyvesant, esq., of New York, afflicted with some internal disorder, was induced to consult a Mrs. Seymour, (wife of a Dr. K. Seymour,) at No. 491 Houston street, who professed to have magnetic or clair-voyant powers, which enabled her to see "right into people." He accordingly made several professional visits to her house, was prescribed for, fessional visits to her house, was prescribed for, paid a high price for the curatives which her medical spouse prepared for him, and "took them" like a believing and docile patient. He continued in this way, he avers, until about the 20th of May last, when, becoming pretty well imbued with "animal magnetism," the lady made such advances, of an improper nature, as induced him to visit her in the evening—she representing her husband to be absent in Boston—and when, as he further avers, he had been induced to make preparations for prolonging his visit into the night, the said Dr. Seymour rushed into the room with a murderous knife, declaring he would kill him for invading his domestic sanctuary! Now, as death was the very thing Mr. Stuyvesant wished to avoid, and for that very object had been induced to consult his clairvoyant friends, he compromised the injury to Dr. Seymour's feelings, by conveying to him a house and lot in 16th street, worth \$10,000; and to recover which he now brings his suit, alleging a recover which he now brings his suit, alleging a conspiracy to defraud. We are sorry for Mr. Stuyvesant—sorry for anybody who is fool enough to believe in such nonsense, or get caught in such a ridiculous scrape. We venture the guess that Mrs. S. will not soon become a "medium" again. (New Haven Register

Ingenious Escape from Prison .-- The escape f Squires, from the New Hampshire State prison where he was sentenced to 15 years confinement was most ingenious. The prisoners march to breakfast, and returning, enter their cells, which close with a spring, while the turnkey follows and ocks an outer lock. Each inmate holds his hand up to the bar over the door, as the officer does this, who duly counts and reports the inmates to the warden. Squires made, out of sole-leather, the warden. Squires made, out of sole-leather, a very ingeniously wrought hand, not forgetting to carve out the finger nails and give them, as well as the fingers, a very natural and life-like appearance, by the use of a bluish white powder. On the morning of his escape, he fixed his imitation hand to the grate of his cell door, making its position more secure by the use of shoemaker's wax. On returning, he closed the door the same as though he had gone within, and pulled the door to after him, as required. The turnkey followed, counting the upraised hands as he marched through the corridor, and reported that all was right. The prisoner then passed out to the rear right. The prisoner then passed out to the rear and secreted himself among the lumber, where he remained until the prison bell rung, and the guard on the walls went off to breakfast. By the aid of a plank he ascended the walls and escaped. He had but eight minutes of time; but he made good use of them.

Misplaced Confidence .-- A German, named Misplaced Confidence.—A German, named Joseph Bernard, was yesterday arrested, charged with defrauding a woman named Emma Scheiger, out \$100, under the following circumstances. The parties live in the house No. 265 William street, and the complainant swears that the accused courted her and proposed marriage, which she accepted. Some days previous to that on which the wedding was to have been performed, she stated to him her intention of purchasing some furniture and both then visited together a store. urniture, and both then visited together a where she bought a bureau, sofa, rocking chair, table and beadstead, she paying for them. These there to remain until the anticipated happy day should arrive. In the meantime the accused bor-rowed of his intended \$45, and soon after this she was informed that he could not legally be married o her, as he had already a wife living in Germany She became much alarmed at the intelligence, and at once charged him with being married, which, after some hesitation, he confessed. This broke off the match, and one day, while the complainant was absent, he removed the newly purchased furniture, and has refused to restore it. The accread was taken hefers Institute Bourst. cused was taken before Justice Bogart, who de tained him for examination.—N. Y. Mirror, Sth.

Sentenced for Ninety-nine - Years. Case of the State vs. John Flannery, alias Anthony Davis, and Anthony Flannery, alias Anthony Davis, was determined in the criminal court on Saturday. They were indicted for stabbing and killing a man in a drunken row, at an Irish boarding house in Alpend street on the night of the 7th of house in Almond street, on the night of the 7th of July last. Court adjourned at three o'clock, but imbled at five to hear the verdict of the jury John Flannery, the eldest of the brothers, was de clared guilty of murder in the second degree, and was sentenced to ninety-nine years imprisonment in the State penitentiary. The other defendant was acquitted.—St. Louis Intelligencer, Nov. 21.

A Man Boiled to Death.—A young man, an Irishman, aged about twenty, named Philip Clark, came to his death in a horrible manner at the brewery of Reed & Brothers, in this city, on Saturday afternoon last, under the following circumstances: It seems he was left in the charge of what brewers call the "copper"—an immense cauldron, holding some three hundred barrels—the contents of which were in a boiling state. On the return of the men from dinner, Clark was missed, and subsequently his cap was found by the side of the copper. This led to the suspicion that he had accidentally fallen in, which, upon search, proved to be the case. The body of the unfortunate man was rescued after having been in the boiling liquid for some two hours. It was taken in charge by his friends, and yesterday taken in charge by his friends, and yesterday morning the coroner held an inquest on the body Troy Whig.

Massachusetts the most Wealthy State in the Union.—We see in the papers an account of the valuation of the several States, in which Mas-sachusetts is placed at \$340.000,000, and is made to appear the sixth or seventh State in the Union in point of wealth. We are surprised at this statepoint of wealth. We are surprised at this state-ment, for it is very incorrect, as the valuation of Massachusetts, January, 1850, was \$600,000,000, and was only exceeded by the States of New York and Pennsylvania, and possibly Ohio. Taking into view the excess of these States in and Pennsylvania, and possibly Onio. Taking into view the excess of these States in population, as for instance New York, with three times that of Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania, with more than double the number, it shows the old Bay State to be the rickest State in the Union, in proportion to ts population .- Boston Transcrip,

An Amusing Occurrence.—A foreign corres-condent of the New York Tribune mentions, as an "amusing affair," a horse whipping given Has-senpflug, the prime minister of the Electoral Hesse, by Count Isenburg, the son in-law of the elector. by Count Isenburg, the son-in-law of the elector. The occurrence happened in the market-place. The minister cried "murder," and a great crowd assembled instantly, but Count Isenburg shouted, "Good people, be quiet—it is only your prime minister, Hassenpflug, whom I am belaboring." Cheers greeted this announcement, a ring was formed, and Hassenpflug was whipped until the count became tired. Prime ministers do not appear to enjoy much popular favor in Germany.

Next Monday is the day appointed for the judges to meet at the Smithsonian Institute for the purpose of deciding to whom the premium of five hundred dollars, offered by R. W. Latham, esq., of this city, shall be awarded for the best "National poem, ode, or epic," which has been written since February last, the date of his offer. A large number have antered the list as commentions ber have entered the list as competitors, and no doubt the offer has elicited the efforts of some of the best poets of the country.

Rallroad Accident.—Several cars of a freight train, on the Connecticut river railroad, ran off the track at Willimanset on Monday, and were badly smashed—one, loaded with coal, having been broken in two.

The Armory at Springfield, Mass .- Mr. John Robb, late superintendent of Springfield armory is out in a review of Lieutenant Col. Ripley's com munication to the Board of Commissioners, in which he not only accuses the present incumbent (Col. Ripley) of a want of knowledge of his duty, but of unjustly accusing the late superintendent Mr. Robb, of tolerating abuses heretofore.

Affairs at the Navy Yard .- Orders were received at the navy-yard, Charlestown, last Thursday, to fit out the sloop-of-war Decatur for immediate service. She now lies at the wharf, dismantled. Her destination has not transpired. Business at the yard is not very brisk. The dry dock is now occupied by the merchant ship Wm. Stur-gis, which was badly injured a short time since while ashore, and a large gang of men are at work on her day and night.

The supreme court of Indiana decided, last week, that portion of the liquor law submitting the question of "licence or no licence" to a vote of the people, to be unconstitutional. The effect of this decision will be to permit all who may give the required bond to deal out liquor in quantities to sail towards. tities to suit purchasers.

The Newburyport Herald intimates that the number of strong-minded women is on the in-crease in Boston. Its opinion is founded upon some dozen cases lately before the police court, where wives gave their husbands sound thrash-

Matest Intelligence.

Additional News from California.-New ORLEANS, Dec. 7.—The steamers Daniel Webster and Eldorado reached their wharves here to-day. I announced the arrival of these vessels off the Be-

Tannounced the arrival of these vessels on the Belize some days ago.

There have been several fires at San Francisco, Sonora, Stockton, Donnelsonville, and Sacramento City. The destruction of property, however, was not great. Loss comparatively moderate.

The mining operations were very encouraging. One lump of gold weighing eleven pounds had been found.

A brutal prize fight had taken place between a man named Carragan and John Carey for \$1,000 per side. Thirty-seven rounds were fought, and Carragan was victorious.

Nothing further has been heard from the Sono-

ra expedition. A naval force was expected to go up the gulf of California, to assist, if possible, in rresting the steps of these marauder. An earthquake occurred recently a occurred recently at Humboldt

Many murders have recently been reported at San Francisco. Trade more active and prices lower. Health of allfornia good. Crops yielding well.

Capt. Brown, of the ship Oronoco, had been acdentally killed.

cidentally killed.

The whale ships Liverpool, of New Bedford and Marcus, of Fairhaven, have been wrecked.

The following vessels arrived out between the 1st and 16th: Ships Sandusky, Mischief, and Windward, and barque Peytons, of New York; ships Bonita and Western Star, of Boston; and Greybond, of Baltimore. reyhound, of Baltimore. Later advices from the Sandwich Islands state

that no further change in the ministry had oc-curred. The small pox was raging at the islands. Later South American advices are received by Immense discoveries of gold in the Amazon region are reported. Expeditions have been fitted out from Peru and Equador, to search for the pre-

cious metals. The actual advices are two weeks later from The actual advices are two weeks later from California. It will be remembered that there were \$3,000,000 gold reported on the way to New York.

The Steamer Humboldt.—A telegraphic dispatch to the owners of the steamer Humboldt, ashore near Halifax, dated Dec. 7, says:

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We have no hopes of saving the ship; have just left her; engines settling through the bottom. Captain Lines doing all it his power to save the cargo; can only work at low water. All cargo and materials saved are brought here in small steamers. About 200 package shave been brought up here; cannot get much more out of the vessel; she is full of water, and cannot be gotten off; passengers will go by the Niagara.

The New York Journal of Commerce says:

We learn that the Humboldt has been kept insured up to about two months since, when the amount paid upon the several policies had reached \$100,000, and it was deemed best to allow each stockholder to insure his own interest or not, at

stockholder to insure his own interest or not, at his pleasure. Thus, with the exception of about \$60,000, insured to cover an obligation, the regular policies had expired and were not renewed.

It is probable that her owners will claim a general average, on the ground that the ship was sacrified for the benefit of the cargo. What the value of the latter may be, it is difficult to estimate. The same tonnage would have been far more valuable earlier or later in the season; the present cargo must consist largely of holiday presents and Christmas toys, and of course amounts to less than the same bulk of costly fabrics. The whole value is probably about \$950,000. The ship was worth about \$475,000.

Harper's Book Establishment on Fire-Re-Harper's Book Establishment on Fire—Reported Loss of Lives.—New York, Dec. 10—24 P. M.—The steam boiler in Harper's extensive printing and book establishment has just now exploded, setting fire to the buildings, and the flames are raging rapidly. It is supposed the entire property will be destroyed, with an immense loss.

It is reported, and there are great fears of the report being true, that a number of lives have been lost of those employed in the establishment en lost of those employed in the establishmen

Salling of the Baltic .- New York, Dec. 10. The steamer Baltic sailed this morning for Liver-pool with 170 passengers, including the Hon. Robert M. McLane, United States Minister to

The Railroad Riot-Eng. Ps. Dec. 10.-The excitement on the railroad question still continues. Last night a large number of men and women at burnt the ties of the bridge over the culvert, and ploughed down the track to its former level.

Salling of the City of Glasgow .- PHILADEL PHIA, Dec. 10.—The steamer City of Glasgow sailed to-day for Liverpool, with 210 passengers and \$100,000 in specie.

A large fleet of vessels are still detained in breakwater, owing to a heavy storm

The Steamer Humboldt .-- HALIFAX, Dec. 10,here have been thus far landed six hundred and twenty cases of goods from this vessel. She lies on a very steep ledge, with her after part immersed to the upper deck, and thirty-six feet of water un-der her stern. This renders the discharge of the after portion of her cargo very difficult.

Steamer Sunk .- Louisville, Dec. 9 .- The steamer Australia struck a wreck of Hat island, in the Upper Mississippi, to-day, and sunk. The boat and cargo will probably prove a total loss. She is insured for \$15,000 at Pittsburg.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 7 .- The steamer Pampero ailed to-day for California, with ninety pa gers.

The newspapers here strongly condemn the false reports which have been published in the New York *Tribune* regarding the cholera here.

CARUSI'S SALOON. ECTURE BY FATHER GAVAZZI. On Tuesday evening, Dec. 13, a lecture will e delivered by Father Gavazzi, at the abovementioned place. One-half of the proceeds will be given to the "Ladies Benevolent Association" of this city.

Tickets, 50 cents, for sale at Stationer's Hall. djoining the Irving hotel, and at the door. Doors open at \(\frac{1}{2}\) to 7. Lecture to common

74 P. M.

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tinople as prisoners.

It is stated by another dispatch that the Turks had taken a Russian man-of-war in the Black sea, and that the crew had arrived at Constanti-

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 10 .- The city is in a state

of joyful excitement. A bulletin has been issued, announcing that on the 4th inst. Omar Pasha had defeated the Russians at Oltenitza. The Russian

general led 30,000 men against the position which the Turks had taken on the 2d and 3d inst., on

the left bank of the Danube. The combat lasted six hours. The Russians were routed and left a

large number of muskets and amunition on the field. Eight hundred Russians were killed. The Turks had only 13 killed and 72 wounded.

An Austrian report says, that the czar replied, in answer to an enquiry of Austria, that he will enter into negotiation, if the Porte proposes a pro-

New York Markets.

is 6 cents per barrel lower, but the market is firmer. Sales of 7,750 barrels at \$6 \$7@\$7 for Gene-

mer. Sales of 7,750 barrels at \$6 87@\$7 for Genesee. Southern flour is dull, with sales of 400 bbls. at \$7 12½@\$7 25. Wheat is steady, with sales of 31.000 bushels at 178 for Genesee, 153 for red western, and 173 for Pennsylvania white. Corn is firm, with sales of 18,000 bushels at 81½ for mixed. and 51@\$2½ for yellow. Pork, beef, and lard, are unchanged. Whisky is firmer, with sales of 275 bbls. at 28@22½, closing with 29 asked.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- The flour market is so

what depressed to-day, with sales of 9,000 bbls. at a decline of 6½ cts. per barrel. Wheat is firm and active. Corn—old is easier, but new is buoyant.

NEW BOOKS.

DICHARD WILLIAMS, the Patagonian

Missionary; by the Rev. James Hamil-on, D. D.

Jaqueline Pascal; or, A Glimpse of Convent

The Flower of the Family; a Book for Girls.

The Religions of the World, and their Relation of Christianity; by F. D. Maurice.

Berridges Christian World Unmasked; by Rev.

Parley's Present for all Seasons.
The Edinburgh Doll, and Other Tales, for chil-

Fine English editions of the following juveniles Guizot's Moral Tales.

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NOTICE.—We shall apply to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the United States for Scrip, under the Act of Congress of August 31st, 1852, on a Land Warrant, (No. 123.) issued from the Land Office of Virginia, Feb. 12th. 1783, to John Hardyman, for his services as a Lieutenant of the Virginia State Line, if the Warof the Revolution, which said Land Warrant has never been located or otherwise satisfied.

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New York. Dec. 9 .- Cotton is unchanged. Flour

TRACTION. The Niagara at Boston. Bostos, December 10.—The steamer Niagara arrived at her wharf at 11 o'clock last night, bringing her own and the Humboldt's mails and passengers, numbering two hundred and fifty. The mails for the south left in the morning Dash down that cup of Samian Wine." On MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1853, Will be performed, for the first time here, the great moral drama of the

DRUNKARD. Halifax, December 10.—The London Morning Advertiser, of the 26th, states that the government had received a telegraphic message announcing the entrance of the combined fleet into the Black This intensely interesting drama is one of those faithful yet startling portraitures of real life, which addresses itself to the capacity of every individual, and awakens a responsive chord in every bosom which is not entirely destitute of good affections. It is a brilliant effort to embody, in a dramatic form, VIENNA, November 19.—The Russians have attacked St. Nicholas, in Asia, by land and sea, but were repulsed five times.

A Russian steamer, with fifteen hundred men on board, had stranded. Twenty-five of the crew were saved by the Turks and brought to Constanthe misery and degradation which must inevitably result from the use of the

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produces; and the quick thrill of delight which courses through the veins when vindicated man-hood asserts its sway is electrical. An acute ob-

But this despot may be conquered, and is, in this beautiful play, by the greater power, the power of brotherly kindness and human love, aided by the blessing of Heaven.

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Prices of Admission.—Orchestra chairs, 75 cents dress circle, 50 cents; family circle, 25 cents.

A gentleman accompanied by two ladies admitted for \$1 to the dress circle.

Doors open at ½ past 6—curtain will rise at quarter past 7.

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LOOK OUT FOR A GREAT TREAT.

EXTENSIVE arrangements have been made for a grand concert, at the Industrial Fair, in the new Baptist Church, on 13th street above G, on Monday evening, at 7 o'clock, by L. V. H. Crosby and lady. Mr. Crosby, it will be remembered arrangements of the most successful con-Crosby and lady. Mr. Crosby, it will be remembered, gave a series of the most successful concerts ever held in this city, a few years ago, as leader of the favorite band called the Harmoneons. He also gave a parlor concert in the President's mansion, by special request of Mr. Polk and lady. He is, in fact, one of the most celebrated balled singers and composers in the country. He will on Monday evening introduce some of his most popular ballads, songs, duetts, &c. The room in which the concert is to be held is nicely fitted up, and will contain unteen hundred people. Admittance to the exhibition and concert only

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the kind interference of Madame Blake, he has been appointed teacher of dancing in the convent, and in the school of the Rev. Wm. J. Clark,

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